(a) whether Government have imposed ban on quota admissions in Central Schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The quota of two admissions to each Member of Parliament, one hundred to Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development and one thousand to Minister of Human Resource Development provided in the scheme of Special Dispensation Admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas introduced by the Government in July 1998 has been struck down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi as violative of the provisions of Artcle 14 of the Constitution.

Educational Institutes Established by Religious and Linguistic Minorities

1500. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the religious and linguistic minorities have come to establish educational institutions in subjects like engineering, medicine, pedagogy, computer science, etc. managed by them with several privileges that keep Gpvernment control off them;

(b) if so, the details of prvilcgcs enjoyed by these institutions;

(c) whether huge donations are collected for admissions in these institutions and they grossly abuse the privileges given to them; and

(d) if so, the Government's plans to ensure, professional and transparent management in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As per Article 30 of the Constitution of India, all minorities, whether based on religion or language have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. Such rights in institutions conducting higher education in professional courses in technical and medical education are further regulated by the regulations issued by the University Grants Commssion (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Medical Council of India (MCI) as per the Supreme Court judgements in Unnikrishnan case. As at present, minority institutions can admit 50% of the total intake of seats which can be filled by the Managements out of students belonging to the particular minority on the basis of merit and to be equally distributed as free and payment seats.

(c) and (d) Detailed procedures for admission and fee structure in professonal institutions including minority institutions have been prescribed in the regulations of UGC, AICTE and Medical Council of India pertaining to Higher Technical and Medical Education respectively. The policy on fee fixation has, further been notified by the Government of India in March 1997 whereby the fee to be charged by the concerned private unaided institutions in Higher and Technical Education including Management Education is categorised as tuition fee and development fee to be fixed by duly constituted committees of officials and experts. The Commttees have been empowered to ensure that the fee does not become a source of profit or commercialisation. The institutions are required to maintain proper accounts on fee recovary as per the prescribed procedures. The Government notification further stipulates that any contravention in this respect would lead to cancellation of the permission/affiliation of the concerned institute.

Non-Participation of Indian Volleyball Team in the Coming Asian Games

1501. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Olympic Association has

excluded Volleyball team from participation in the coming Asian games; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the basic criteria for enlisting the sports disciplines for including in international events and the precise role of Indian Olympic Association therein;

(c) whether the Volleyball Federation of India has strongly criticized Indian Olympic Association for its decision; and

(d) what remedial measures his Ministry propose to take to ensure that the players are not disappointed after so much preparation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) It is not correct to say that the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has excluded the Volleyball team from participation in Asian Games at Bankok. However, the Government did not clear its participation as it did not qualify according to the criteria set by Government.

(b) The Government has decided the following basic criteria for selecting the individuals/teams for the Asian Games 1998. They were as follows:

(i) For individuals: Second place in the last Asian Games or Asian Championship, whichever is better.

(ii) For Team events: Third place in the last Asian Games or Asian Championship whichever is better.

The precise role of the IOA in this regard is that it should recommend the teams and individuals taking due account of the criterial fixed for the clearance for participation in international events.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The IOA and Federations will be asked to prepare our teams and sportspersons so that they qualify for participation in such international events.

Unemployed Engineers

1502. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHVAJI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of unemployed engineers in the country; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken to utilize their services through gainful unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per the latest report of the Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi, the number of unemployed engineers till 1996 were 23473 at Degree level and 60447 at Diploma level.

(b) Opportunities for Apprenticeship Training with stipend are available for the engineering pass-outs under the Apprenticeship Act which can not only help to enhance the professional competence but also provides better employment opportunities.

Formation of National Reconstruction Corps

1503. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated to form a National Reconstruction Corps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thnerefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As laid down in the "National Agenda for Governance" of the Government and based on the discussions held with State Governments, Representatives of political parties, Members of Parliament, Youth Organisations, etc., a scheme for the